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5/5/86

C.E. Colvin
C/O Ethyl Corporation
451 Florida Street
Baton Rouge, LA. 70801

Sir;

As per our telephone conversation of 5/2/86 our records indicate the following regarding the vacating of the Ethyl complex in Ferndale, Michigan.

- 5/10/84 - I received at telephone call from Ted Kona of the Ethyl Corporation regarding three (3) cylinders that were buried on company property 15-17 years ago, the company plans on digging these cylinders up and detonating them inside of their explosion proof building, this operation will be supervised by C.E. Colvin, their Environmental expert from Baton Rouge, LA.
- 5/15/84 - Ethyl Corporation informed me today they had recovered two (2) cylinders and put them inside their explosion proof building, these cylinders contain Aluminum Borohydride, this building is under security guard for the night.
- 5/16/84 - C.E. Colvin was at the site today and supervised the detonation of the two cylinders, it was believed there were three (3) cylinders but only two (2) were recovered.

A number of conversations were held with Mr Kona and Mr Adams regarding the company leaving the State, we discussed what would have to be done regarding the underground tanks.

5/5/86

2/19/85 - A meeting was held with Ethyl Corporation and the tank removal company J.C. Nielson and the company doing the actual removal:

PARKS INSTALLATION
4901 McCARTHY DRIVE
MILFORD, MICHIGAN 48042

2/20/85 - The tank removal was started today, the job of removal was completed on 2/27/85.

I was at the site on numerous occasions during the removal process and actually observed many tanks being removed. I observed no spillage from any of the tanks and the holes where the tanks were removed from all appeared to be very clean indicating there was no prior leakage. The tank removal was completed on 2/27/85 and the property backfilled with sand, Parks Installation informed me that they planned to let the land settle and then return in a few weeks and do more filling if necessary.

I hope this letter will answer any questions that you may have, however, if there are additional questions that I may be able to help you with please feel free to call.

Respectfully,


William D. LeGault

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